

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 27, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 13473.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 13473) to restore to the pension roll the name of Eliza M. Keith (formerly Eliza Ash), have examined the same and report their concurrence in the views of the House committee in this case, and report the bill for passage.

HOUSE REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 13473) to restore to the pension roll the name of Eliza M. Keith, formerly Eliza Ash, submit the following report:

Mrs. Eliza M. Keith was the widow of David L. Ash, who enlisted August 19, 1861, in Company A, Thirty-seventh Regiment Illinois Volunteers was promoted to second lieutenant August 12, 1862, to first lieutenant February 28, 1864, honorably mustered out March 1, 1865, and who died of disease of lungs contracted in service May 26, 1865. She was a pensioner until September, 13, 1882, when she remarried with one Melville C. Keith, who proved to be a man void of principle, and by reason of cruel and inhuman treatment on his part petitioner was divorced from him September 2, 1889. Although the court allowed her alimony in the sum of \$10 per month, the decree can not be enforced, and she is almost entirely dependent upon her own efforts for subsistence. But she is now well advanced in years and in very feeble health, and is liable to become a burden upon the public.

The soldier having served faithfully for nearly the entire period of the war, and died from the effects of his service only 2 months after muster out, his former widow in her dependent condition comes to Congress for relief.

The case comes clearly within the rules of this House. Therefore your committee report favorably on the accompanying bill and ask that it do pass, amended, however, by adding after the word "Ash," in line 5, the words "and widow of David L. Ash, of Company A, Thirty-seventh Regiment Illinois Volunteers."